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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

THE 2011 FOOD EXPORT MARKETING FORUM: REGISTRATION IS NOW 50% LESS

By Jaime Smith, Marketing Representative

Exporting overseas and internationally is a great opportunity to further boost sales and improve overall profitability. Food Export Northeast, a state regional trade group funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is proud to host the 2011 Food Export Marketing Forum at the Hilton Back Bay Hotel in Boston, MA.

The Food Export Marketing Forum on September 27- 28, 2011, offers a chance to connect with international firms and resources while providing the latest information and ongoing trends in food exporting. Along with showcasing their products to international buyers, participants can meet with market representatives and trade experts to talk about the international potential of their product(s) and exporting techniques to make that happen. Participants can also benefit from the wide range of services offered by Food Export to ensure exporting success.

New this year, unique to the forum's Boston location, will be the emphasis on seafood and shellfish exporting. Join other seafood exporters to learn about:

- Food Export Northeast's Seafood Program
- The latest regulatory updates for exporting your fish and shellfish to specific markets
- How US re-certification to export fishery products to the European Union (EU) in 2013 may affect your ability to continue making sales to the EU
- The global marketplace for lobster and scallops (current market situations and trends and marketing opportunities)
- Branding, positioning, and marketing value-added seafood products
- Promoting high-value seafood products to foreign markets

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is offering a special cost-share incentive for Connecticut companies that attend the forum. The department will reimburse any eligible Connecticut based company 50% of the forum registration fee. Applicants must regis-

ter for and attend the forum, then submit a complete application and proof of attendance to be eligible for reimbursement. More information can be found on the agency's website, www.ctgrown.gov (go to Programs and Services, Export Assistance) or by contacting Jaime Smith at jaime.smith@ct.gov or 860-713-2559.

Save an additional \$100 by taking advantage of early registration, which ends July 22, 2011. You can register online at Food Export USA's website, www.foodexport.org. The final registration deadline is August 19, 2011.

Food Export Northeast, in cooperation with the northeast state departments of agriculture, provides a wide range of services to facilitate trade between local food suppliers and importers around the world. These services include export promotion, customized export assistance, and a cost-share funding program. Note: The forum registration cost-share reimbursement is a one-time reimbursement offer by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture to Connecticut companies specifically for the 2011 Food Export Marketing Forum. The Food Export Marketing Forum registration cost-share is not a program of Food Export Northeast.

Visit www.foodexport.org or contact Jaime Smith at the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, 860-713-2559 or jaime.smith@ct.gov, for more information.



ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

BLUEBERRIES, 12/6oz, CA	22.00	22.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct, CA	44.50	44.50
CANTALOUPE, 9ct, CA	27.00	27.00
CHERRIES, bing, 18lb, WA	80.00	80.00
GRAPEFRUIT, 27s, CA	24.00	24.00
GRAPES, sugraone, 18lb, CA	36.00	36.00
HONEYDEW, 6s, CA	21.00	21.00
LEEKs, 12s, CA	57.50	57.50
LEMON, 95ct, CA	46.00	46.00
MESCLUN, 3lb	8.00	8.00
MUSHRM, wht, 10lb, lg, PA	21.00	23.00
NECTARINES, 25lb, CA	34.00	34.00
ORANGES, Valencia, 72s, CA	32.00	32.00
PEACHES, 48-50s, CA	30.00	30.00
PEARS, bosc, 18kg, 100ct, ARG	32.00	32.00
PLUMS, 28lb, CA	26.00	28.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8-1lb, CA	20.00	20.00
SWISS CHARD, red, 24s, CA	20.00	20.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

July 11, 2011

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices

quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	68.00-71.00
	270-300lbs	67.00-68.00
	300-400lbs	61.00-63.00
45-49	220-270 lbs	66.50-67.50
Sows:	US 1-3 300-500 lbs	48.00-53.00
	500-700 lbs	54.00-55.00
Boars:	300-800 lbs	32.50-34.50

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, Conn., July 11, 2011

Live animals brought the following average prices / cwt.

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	20.00	24.00
61-75 lbs.	26.00	30.50
76-90 lbs.	40.00	50.00
91-105 lbs.	55.00	59.00
106 lbs. & up	65.00	68.00
Farm Calves	77.50	145.00
Started Calves	25.00	35.00
Veal Calves	105.00	170.00
Open Heifers	65.00	110.00
Beef Heifers	68.00	75.00
Feeder Steers	65.00	95.00
Beef Steers	50.00	92.00
Stock Bulls	60.00	100.00
Beef Bulls	75.00	86.50
Feeder pigs	none	avail.
Lambs each	80.00	120.00
Goats each	45.00	125.00
Kid Goats each	25.00	70.00
Canners	Up to	67.50
Cutters	69.00	73.00
Utility Grade Cows	74.00	78.00
Rabbits each	3.00	11.00
Chickens each	5.00	21.00
Ducks each	6.00	14.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

BEAN, green, bu	35.00	40.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb, film	4.50	5.00
CABBAGE, green, 50lb box	10.00	12.00
CHARD, 12s	15.00	15.00
CHIVES, 1lb film	8.00	8.00
CORN, 5dz	18.00	20.00
CUCUMBERS, bu	24.00	25.00
CUCUMBERS, pcklng, 1/2bu	15.00	18.00
KALE, crtn, bnchd 24s	24.00	24.00
MINT, 12s	9.00	9.00
NECTARINES 22-24lb	28.00	28.00
PEACHES, 25 lb	25.00	26.00
PEAS, sugar snap, 10lbs	20.00	20.00
PEAS, snow, 10lb	20.00	20.00
RHUBARB, 20lb	35.00	35.00
SQUASH, green, 1/2bu	12.00	14.00
SQUASH, yellow, 1/2bu	10.00	12.00
TOMATOES, GH, 15lb loose	30.00	30.00

SHIPPED IN

ARUGULA, 2to1-1/2lb, film, CA	14.00	15.00
BEANS, green, bu, DE	34.00	38.00
BEETS, 12s, NJ	12.00	15.00
CANTALOUPE, 9ct, CA	27.00	27.00
CHERRIES, bing, 18lb, 10rows, WA	39.00	48.00
CILANTRO, 24, NJ	15.00	15.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9 bu, med, NJ	14.00	15.00
ESCAROLE, 1.3bu, 18s, NJ	15.00	15.00
GRAPES, flame, 18lb, MX	28.00	32.00
KOHLRABI, 1-3/5bu, NJ	16.00	18.00
LEEKs, 12s, CA	23.00	24.00
LEMONS, 140ct, CA	31.00	32.00
MUSHROOM, 10lb, wht, lg, PA	16.50	17.00
ORANGES, Valencia, 72ct, CA	29.00	29.00
PEPPER, green, bell, 1-1/9bu, lg, NJ	14.00	16.00
POTATOES, fingerling, 20lb, RU	25.00	25.00
SQUASH, acorn, 1-1/9bu, NJ	11.00	13.00
WATERMELON, 15-19lb, ea, AL	5.50	5.50

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, July 11, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers	75-80% lean	76.50-79.50	80.00-81.00	----N/A
Boners	80-85% lean	72.00-75.00	N/A	70.00-71.50
Lean	85-90% lean	66.00-69.00	70.00-72.50	61.00-65.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1
1200-1520 lbs 95.00-97.00

CALVES: All prices per cwt.
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1
95-115 lbs 105.00-120.00
80-90 lbs -85.00-100.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1
85-105 lbs 260.00-310.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3
40-60 lbs 204.00-230.00
60-80 lbs 214.00-234.00
80-90 lbs 210.00-225.00
90-110 lbs 217.00-232.00
110-130 lbs 215.00-230.00
130-150 lbs N/A

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

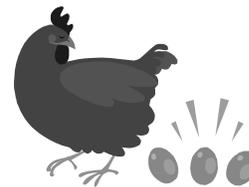
XTRA LARGE	158-167
LARGE	146-155
MEDIUM	111-120

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

July 8, 2011

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, warehouse, centers per dozen. (Range)

EXTRA LARGE	98-119
LARGE	92-106
MEDIUM	70-83



VIRGINIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

July 11, 2011

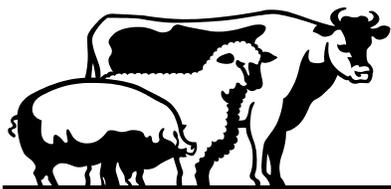
Hay market for Harrisonburg, VA. All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

Alfalfa	small square, 45-55lbs
Premium	3.70-4.30 per bale
Mixed Grass	small square, 35-45lbs
Good	2.00-2.30 per bale
Straw	large square
	17.00 per bale

Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3
40-60 lbs 169.00-206.00
60-80 lbs 188.00-202.00
80-90 lbs 197.00-211.00
90-110lbs 187.00-201.00
110-130lbs N/A

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh
120-160 lbs 110.00-120.00
160-200 lbs 93.00-107.00
200-300lbs 100.00-114.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh
120-160 lbs 90.00-100.00
160-200 lbs N/A

SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.
Kids: 30-40 lbs 104.00-118.00
40-60lbs 113.00-140.00
60-80lbs 140.00-158.00
80-90lbs 164.00-181.00
90-100lbs 176.00-184.00
100-110lbs N/A
Nannies/Does: 80-130lbs 140.00-147.00
130-180lbs 152.00-166.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs 205.00-220.00
150-250lbs 246.00-260.00



ADVERTISEMENTS

The Connecticut Week Agricultural Report offers affordable classified advertisements for your farm-related needs. See Page 4 for details and rates, or contact Jane Slupecki at 860-713-2588 or Jane.Slupecki@ct.gov for more information.

FOR SALE

1-R. CT Christmas Tree Growers, CT Sheep Breeders and CT Beekeepers Associations Special Insurance Packages available through Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency--Toll Free 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, 1-888-526-8815, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

2-R. Farm Insurance for all types of farming at very competitive rates. 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com, Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

4-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

6-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

9-R. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, tomato stakes, custom and portable sawing 203-788-2430.

104-R. Tomato stakes, tobacco lath, landscape beams, rough cut lumber. Staehly Products Co. LLC 860-873-9774.

125-R. Heritage turkey poults for sale: 3-4 week Narragansetts \$10 each, 5-8 week Narr/Bourbon cross \$8 each. Fort Hill Farm, New Milford, 860-350-3158. Pick up only.

126-R. Firestone, 15.5X38 tractor tire, 50% tread, 860-485-1753.

127-R. Suffield - Protected farm land for sale. Two parcels totaling 160+ acres, each with 3 acre homestead areas, to be sold together or separate. Call for invitation package. 860-286-7660 x201.

128-R. 1000 6' Norway Spruce. U-Dig. 860-942-1818. 8 AM to 5 PM.

130-R. Battery powered price computing scales \$328.00. Cash registers \$280.00. Repair, calibration and rental scales of all types available. 800-403-5919.

133-R. New oak stakes. Great for tomato plants. 1-1/4" x 1-1/4" x 5'. 4,000 to go! 500 per pallet. Call Allan at 860-716-3240.

136-R. 24 Ft. outside hay elevator (trailer type) \$350.00. B-42 Mack gas dump truck. 860-267-4341.

137-R. White China Geese hatched 5/20. Healthy, friendly, swan-like and elegant. \$25.00 each. Bob Brooks 860-442-4237. oldhorse-trainer@ct.metrocast.net

138-R. Registered yearling Hereford heifers for sale. Old Beech Farm 860-693-2052.

140-R. Angora Goats-Registered White-All ages. Nubian Goats-Does, one & three year olds. 860-659-3426.

WANTED

129-R. Need engine parts for older Onan diesel engine, pistons/rings. 860-673-6100.

141-R. Food Company looking to find farm produce or products to sell at markets. Stan, 203-723-8144.

142-R. Need 4ft PTO rototiller. 860-267-4341.

MISCELLANEOUS

7-R. Farm/Land Specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

118-R. Bulldozing in E. CT. Land clearing, ponds, especially for farmers. Don Kemp Excavating, 860-546-9500.

NOFA SUMMER CONFERENCE AUG 12-14

The NOFA Summer Conference will run August 12-14, 2011, at UMass Amherst. Visit www.nofasummerconference.org for conference details and agenda.

The registration page of the website includes options for creative conference financing options. Thanks to a grant from the USDA, beginning farmers (up to 10 years) can apply for a Beginning Farmer Scholarship of \$60. Only NOFA and MOFGA members are eligible. Scholarship also requires a two-hour volunteer shift at the conference and a post-conference evaluation survey.

Any member of NOFA, MOFGA, or DAPNet can apply to the Farming Education Fund (FEF). FEF awards are \$100 towards the cost of conference registration, and require a four hour volunteer shift at the conference. Applicants do not have to be commercial farmers.

For registration information, contact Kathleen or Siedeh, registration coordinators, at registration@nofasummerconference.org or call 413-230-7835. General conference questions can be addressed to Ben Grosscup, conference coordinator, ben.grosscup@nofamass.org or call 413-549-1568.

TWILIGHT MEETING AT DZEN BROS FARM JULY 14

UConn Cooperative Extension's IPM Program and the Connecticut Pomological Society will host a twilight meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, July 14, 2011, at Dzen Brothers Farm, 244 Barber Hill Road, South Windsor. The farm produces Christmas trees, bedding plants, pumpkins, blueberries, and strawberries, and markets through both wholesale and retail channels.

Don and Joe Dzen will talk about production of their crops and ebb and flow benches in their greenhouses, and will show how they prune hundreds of acres of Christmas trees. Lorraine Los and Jude Boucher from UConn will discuss IPM programs for small fruits and pumpkins. Don and Jude will discuss their first year using deep zone tillage on pumpkins.

Pizza and beverages will be provided. Contact Jude Boucher (860-875-3331/jude.boucher@uconn.edu) or Rick Macsuga (860-713-2544/Richard.macsuga@ct.gov).

Directions: I-84 to Exit 62; north on Buckland Rd.; straight on Route 194; right on Route 74 east; second stop sign, left on Miller; second stop sign, right on Barber Hill Rd. Farm is 0.5 miles up on the right.

USDA: REMEMBER TO FILE AGI FORMS WITH IRS

To receive USDA program payments, each payment recipient must have an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) verification consent form on file with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). This form authorizes IRS to verify that AGI is within the eligibility requirements for USDA programs.

Individuals must submit form CCC-927 and legal entities must submit form CCC-928. Without these forms on file, producers will not receive USDA program payments. This requirement affects both Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs.

Producers have been sent letters indicating forms were not received for 2009, 2010 and/or 2011. Be sure all writing is legible when you submit the form to IRS. Keep copies and note the date mailed. For information on AGI eligibility requirements or the AGI verification process, contact your local FSA office.

News and events from local agricultural organizations are published on a first-come, first-served basis as space allows.

Submit concise summaries (150 words maximum) to linda.piotrowicz@ct.gov for consideration. There is no guarantee that submissions will be published.

FARM BUREAU LOCAL FOOD/FARMS MARKET JULY 31

This event will be held rain or shine from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 31, 2011, at the Bethlehem Fair Grounds, Route 61, Bethlehem, CT. Producers are invited to participate in this Litchfield County Farm Bureau sponsored community event as an opportunity to publicize your business, sell items in a farmer's market setting, and invite the general public to come visit your farm for the purpose of growing your local farm business. To download a vendor application go to www.cfba.org (click Counties, Litchfield, and look under County Links) or contact Dana Assard at 203-266-9019 or lcfb@sbcglobal.net.

FSA FARM LOANS AVAILABLE

FSA may be able to assist your farming operation with a low-interest operating or ownership loan. The rate for operating loans approved in July is 2.3750 percent.

Whether you need loan funds to finance your crop needs for fertilizer and seed, or you need to upgrade your equipment line with a new tractor, planter, baler, FSA may be able to help. FSA's loan programs are designed to help family farmers who are temporarily unable to obtain commercial credit. FSA also provides credit to beginning farmers, farmers who do not have sufficient net worth to qualify for commercial credit, or farmers who have suffered financial setbacks from natural and economic disasters.

For more information on FSA loan programs, please contact your local USDA Farm Service Agency office or contact Farm Loan Manager Ron Clark at 860-887-9941 or Senior Farm Loan Officer Ellen Losee at 860-626-8250.

USDA'S RESOLUTION PROCESS FOR DISCRIMINATION CLAIMS OF HISPANIC AND WOMEN FARMERS

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Marsha B. Jetté reminds farmers and landowners that as part of continued efforts to close the chapter on allegations that discrimination occurred at USDA in past decades, a process has been established to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who assert that they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans.

The process offers a streamlined alternative to litigation and provides at least \$1.33 billion in compensation, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. The program provides up to \$50,000 for each Hispanic or woman farmer who can show that USDA denied them a loan or loan servicing for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000. Hispanic or female farmers who provide additional proof and meet other requirements can receive a \$50,000 award. Successful claimants are also eligible for funds to pay the taxes on their awards and for forgiveness of certain existing USDA loans. No filing fees or other costs to claimants are required to participate in the program. Participation is voluntary, and individuals who opt not to participate are not precluded by the program from filing a complaint in court.

USDA is launching a call center for farmers and ranchers, a website, public service announcements, and in-person meetings around the country. Individuals may register to receive a claims package or obtain more information at www.farmerclaims.gov or by calling the 1-888-508-4429. Persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.



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